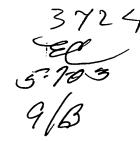


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Sir:

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Responsive to the office action mailed on January 28, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please amend the application as follows:

In The Drawings

Applicant presents a corrected drawing sheet for Figure 6 indicating the interior 17, as required by the examiner.

In The Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

- 1. (twice amended) A food utensil comprising:
 - [a] an elongated hollow body for supporting an elongated food product,
 said elongated hollow body having an inner wall and an outer wall
 forming an interior, an open first end and a second end; and

a plurality of blades extending across said interior in a plane perpendicular

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